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I am a Dominion Energy customer and I have a modest solar system on my home. It is one of the ways I that I act to live efficiently, I reduce energy use and demand, reduce my costs and reduce the related pollution impact on everyone.

I do not believe that solar residential customers are imposing any cost whatsoever to non-solar customers, but dirty energy is very much doing exactly that. Solar provides benefits to everyone, by reducing the pollution from dirty energy.

With my home's Net metering and my solar, I borrow some of the dirty grid energy, which is contaminated by dirty-fuel generation, and later, I then repay the borrowed-energy debt, back to the grid, using clean energy from my solar panels.

I find it interesting in light of this attack on residential solar customers, that Dominion regularly sends me unsolicited flyers claiming they want me to use less energy, and to sell energy-saving products to me.

I do reduce my grid energy use, and because I use less energy, I pay less for it. This is a perfectly appropriate, market solution to reduce overall energy waste and to greatly reduce costs.

Since clean energy is most valuable for the health of citizens and our environment, everyone is getting a benefit from the solar system I paid for.

My intermittently surplus clean energy, simply goes to my neighbors nearby, who then also benefit by getting slightly cleaner energy for their homes. They benefit from very slightly less pollution, thanks to me.

I recognize that the percentage of dirty energy produced for the grid is being subsidized by the general public who are exposed the countless negative consequences (including health cost, and carbon emission) from the pollution that is produced every day, by wastefully burning dirty fuel for energy generation. Please think about addressing that very real "cost-shift".

What is being done to address the huge pollution "cost shift" from Dominion onto the population and our environment?

Dirty grid energy is wasteful and harms people with emissions. I have not seen that simple truth being addressed in any new proposal.

I do not believe for a second that Dominion is worried or concerned in any way that any of their customers are paying too much of their money

to Dominion.

A company that really cares to save customers on their utility bill, would do what some third party solar companies do, and begin to assist with the install of solar generation for such customers to further grow these benefits for more people.

The idea of a solar "cost shift" is a contrivance that serves primarily to divide Dominion customers against each other, it tries to create conflict between customers, and serves as a distraction from these harmful rate changes that are being proposed by Dominion.

It seems absurd and it seems to be a morally wrong act for Dominion and regulators to add any punitive charges to solar customers. Instead you should be promoting increased efficiency everywhere, and promoting the increase of clean energy generation that we all need.

The PSC and Dominion should be helping people to install solar, and to help setup a shared community solar facilities so more people can save costs and gain benefits from solar. To not help these people, and to instead attack new and existing residential solar customers as is proposed, is a total disgrace.

All authorities, and regulated parties should be working to increase clean energy generation, and to reduce pollution in every way possible. To the extent that these powerful actors are not working to do exactly that, -I strongly object.

The PSC should take steps that provide more progress in the direction of clean energy, and in favor of rooftop residential solar. If any regulation proposal is made that does not accomplish this, it should be rejected. The PSC should also promote increased energy storage to accompany the increased clean energy generation, as this is a rapidly growing, beneficial and successful technology area.

Finally,

I reject any tariffs, fees or additional charges related to my operation of individual home solar generation PV panel systems. If Dominion decides to reject or punish residential solar customers in this way, then I reject Dominion.

Dominion does not own the sunshine, and I own my solar panel system.

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